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Level 4 – 6th April 2026

Artemis II crew bugged by Microsoft Outlook problems

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Please try Levels 5 and 6. They are (a little) harder.

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THE READING

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NASA's Artemis II spacecraft is travelling to the far side of the Moon. It launched last week. The 10-day trip will take astronauts farther away from Earth than humans have been before. Despite the mission's technical demands, the crew had email problems. An astronaut told Mission Control in Texas: "I have two Microsoft Outlooks and neither one of those is working. Reboot it and check our software." NASA then corrected a configuration issue.

Artemis II is the first crewed mission to go beyond low Earth orbit since 1972. It is the beginning of NASA's aim to return humans to the Moon. It wants a long-term presence there. The astronauts are preparing for future Moon landings. They will test life support systems and communications. NASA hopes the current mission will pave the way for Artemis IV to land on the Moon. The USA that will take place in 2028.

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PHRASE MATCHING

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PARAGRAPH ONE:

1. NASA's Artemis II	a. check our software
2. travelling to the far	b. farther away
3. It launched	c. problems
4. take astronauts	d. issue
5. the crew had email	e. last week
6. neither one of those	f. spacecraft
7. reboot it and	g. is working
8. corrected a configuration	h. side of the Moon

PARAGRAPH TWO:

1. the first crewed	a. breaking 406,773 km
2. go beyond low Earth	b. off blip
3. It will travel a record-	c. Moon landings
4. NASA's aim to return	d. orbit
5. establish a long-term	e. way for Artemis IV
6. preparing for future	f. presence there
7. the Outlook problem is a one-	g. mission
8. the current mission will pave the	h. humans to the Moon

LISTEN AND FILL IN THE GAPS

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PUT A SLASH (/) WHERE THE SPACES ARE

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SPACE SURVEY

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Write five GOOD questions about space in the table. Do this in pairs. Each student must write the questions on his / her own paper.
When you have finished, interview other students. Write down their answers.

	STUDENT 1 _____	STUDENT 2 _____	STUDENT 3 _____
Q.1.			
Q.2.			
Q.3.			
Q.4.			
Q.5.			

- Now return to your original partner and share and talk about what you found out. Change partners often.
- Make mini-presentations to other groups on your findings.

WRITE QUESTIONS & ASK YOUR PARTNER(S)

Student A: Do not show these to your speaking partner(s).

a) _____

b) _____

c) _____

d) _____

e) _____

f) _____

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WRITE QUESTIONS & ASK YOUR PARTNER(S)

Student B: Do not show these to your speaking partner(s).

a) _____

b) _____

c) _____

d) _____

e) _____

f) _____

WRITING

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Write about **space** for 10 minutes. Read and talk about your partner's paper.